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REF: CARACAS 7322

1. WHEN I CALLED AUGUST 23 ON PEREZ CHIRIBOGA TO PRESENT MY TWO NEW COUNSELORS, AS REPORTED CARACAS 7349, 7351, AND 7352, I LIKEWISE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION MEETING OF LOCAL AMBASSADORS WHOSE GOVERNMENTS ARE UNDERTAKING A DEMARCHE SEEKING TO OBTAIN GREATER SUPPORT FOR UNRWA.
 2. PEREZ CHIRIBOGA AT FIRST FLINCHED, THINKING THAT THE LOCAL AMBASSADORIAL GROUP WAS PINPOINTING VENEZUELA ALONE AS OBJECT OF ITS AFFECTIONATE INTEREST. HE WAS RELIEVED WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS A WORLD-WIDE APPROACH. I SAID I PERSONALLY VERY MUCH HOPED THAT MY FRIEND DR. CALVANI WOULD RECEIVE THE DELEGATION OF FOUR AMBASSADORS, ADDING THAT I HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE OUR FULL SUPPORT TO THEIR INITIATIVE.
 3. PEREZ CHIRIBOGA'S FIRST REACTION WAS THAT "SINCE THE DAYS OF GUZMAN BLANCO" IT HAD BEEN A POLICY OF VENEZUELA NEVER TO RECEIVE JOINT REPRESENTATIONS FROM FOREIGN ENVOYS. I SAID IN THAT CASE PERHAPS DR. CALVANI COULD RECEIVE THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR ALONE, BUT I ASSURED HIM THAT THIS INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF THE UN WORKING GROUP WAS A JOINT ONE AND I COULD NOT
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POSSIBLY SEE ANY HARM COMING FROM DR. CALVANI RECEIVING THEM.
MY ONLY REGRET WAS THAT I COULD NOT JOIN THEM IN PERSON BECAUSE

I SHALL NOT BE IN CARACAS WHEN CALVANI RETURNS FROM MEXICO.

4. THIS MORNING I PROVIDED MY TURKISH COLLEAGUE WITH THE
SUBSTANCE OF THIS TELEGRAM AND HE SAYS HE WILL TRY FOR AN EARLY
APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. I SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW
OF THE SPADE WORK I HAD DONE LAST WEEK, A GOOD BEGINNING MIGHT BE
FOR HIM TO CALL PEREZ CHIRIBOGA TO LAY ON THE INTERVIEW.
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